

Future Meetings

- 3 June St John's Church Waterloo SE1.
6.30 p.m. Theme to be confirmed
- 1 July Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall
6.00 p.m. Stop and Search
- 2 September Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall
6.00 p.m. Theme to be confirmed

Safer Lambeth Partnership and Community Engagement

Members will be aware of an ongoing dialogue, over the past four years, regarding Community Engagement and the Safer Lambeth Partnership. Over that period, CPCG has reoriented itself, and constitutionally reformed, to provide a vehicle for that engagement.

This issue has again been visited by the Partnership and its Board on 29 April was presented by two papers addressing the issue.

One, from CPCG, reviewed the debate over recent years and again posited CPCG as the best placed vehicle for Partnership engagement, drawing on Home Office guidance (to use existing structures) and the Audit Commission's recent report, which specifically recommended that the Safer Lambeth Partnership engage with CPCG, the Safer Neighbourhood Panels and the putative Civic Assemblies.

A second paper, from Superintendent Paul Wilson of Lambeth MPS, recommended that the Partnership set up an Independent Advisory Group, which would be recruited under Nolan principles to reflect the borough's diversity and would meet with the Partnership quarterly. One of these meetings would be in public.

The Partnership Board meeting was unable to make a decision on these papers and has agreed a working group – including CPCG Chair Anna Tapsell - to establish an agreed basis for moving forward.

We shall circulate the two papers to our members and hold a CPCG 'business meeting' in the coming weeks to enable our membership to be fully apprised of the issues and to make a full contribution to the debate.

Re-structuring of Lambeth Police

In order to sustain the year on year success in crime reduction over the past six years, Lambeth Borough Commander, Ch. Supt. Sharon Rowe is proposing a re-structuring process to ensure continued delivery on performance.

From 1 April, Lambeth police will create a number of new police units, for example a GBH Unit in keeping with the Borough Commander's pledge to tackle violent crime. Within the following six months Lambeth police will be examining their structure and, if necessary, implement and manage changes to ensure that they are 'fit for purpose' until new facilities become available. In the long term (three years) police will also implement an Asset (police buildings) Management plan.

During this time, Lambeth Police say they want to involve partners, community leaders and staff from across the borough to participate in sharing ideas and opinions in order to shape the change that will make the way police work more efficiently and effectively in meeting the demands of the future.

Meetings Attended

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| 6 March | Anna Tapsell (AT) and Wesley Stephenson attended an update, at the Independent Police Complaints Commission on the investigation into the police shooting that involved two Lambeth residents.

AT attended Lambeth Women's Aid AGM at St. Faiths Centre, Red Post Road. |
| 8 March | Jim Toohill (JT) attended Gold Group Streatham Police Station concerning an incident of a stabbing and arson. |
| 9 March | JT attended a Gold Group at Brixton Police Station concerning a murder in Brixton. |
| 11 March | Shane Collins attended meeting with Police and Council concerning the 'Reclaim the Food' group at Tate Gardens in Tuesday 11th March .

JT attended a Stop and Search Community Network meeting at the MPA. |
| 18 March | AT attended the Safer Lambeth Partnership meeting |
| 19 March | AT attended the MARAC at Frank O'Neil House. |
| 1 April | AT met with Borough Commander. |
| 12 April | JT attended, on AT's behalf, a CPCG chairs quarterly meeting, chaired by Rose Fitzpatrick, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Territorial Policing. |
| 28 April | AT, JT and Paul Andell attended Safer Lambeth Partnership Board meeting. |

New Members

The following are new to CPCG membership:

Individual Members

Hope Barrett
Rod Brown (formerly Lambeth Leaseholders Council)
Richard Dutton
Clare Moore
David Prichard-Jones (formerly Lambeth Pensioners Forum)
Jean Slater

Community & Voluntary Members

Brian Mantell (South London Synagogue – formerly Assoc. of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women)
Nick Mason (Lambeth Summer Projects Trust)
Cathy Valentine (Angell Town T.M.O.)